

Essential Elements of Information War Department  
Intelligence.

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1. Page 1 of WDGS Circular #5-2A prescribes the principal functions of MIS. Paragraph 1 reads: "Determining in detail the intelligence the War Department needs." Page 4 further assigns to the Specialists the function of determining the Essential Elements of Information.

2. It has come to the attention of the Policy Staff that the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee maintains a list of politico-military problems in the Far East for early concurrence. These problems, arranged in order of priority, show in highly practical form what some of the major preoccupations of the War Department will be in the near future. It is suggested that the Specialists may use this list to assist in formulating the Essential Elements of Information.

3. If MIS can stimulate a similar listing of anticipated problems by the various Divisions of the General and Special Staff, a considerable step forward in intelligence planning may be accomplished.

ACTION RECOMMENDED

4. That you note the above comments and forward these papers to the Chief, MIS for his information and use.

1 Incl: SWNCC 16/4 dtd 30 Mar 45  
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M/R: SWNCC 16/4 gives a revised list dated 30 March 1945. The list is about 4 pages long and contains more than 60 ~~diff~~ different problem statements. For illustration, 6 problems are listed under "Military Occupation of the Japanese Empire and Other Areas", problem 1 reads: Areas to be Occupied.

Miss Harel checked up on this:

Forwarded to C/MIS from Gen. Weckerling by  
Comment # 2, 10 April 45:

"Para 4 Comment # 1 is approved."

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